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Who trashed the elementary school garden?

Sunday, March 22nd, vandals climbed the fence into the recently dedicated Elementary School garden and completely destroyed the plants and planter boxes.

The children who spend hours creating the garden were rightfully proud of their work. The apple and orange tree were thriving. Giant heads of lettuce were waiting to be picked. Blossoming plants gave a festive air to the partlen.

The vicious vandals broke the

trees in half and used them as whips to cut up the smaller plants. The lettuce was ripped out of the ground and left to die. Not even the flowers were spared.

Please notify the police if you saw anything suspicious around the school bungalows or the playground. This attack took place sometime between 4 - 9p.m.. The police have opened a file on this case. You do not have to identify yourself when you call.



This orange tree was soon hacked down by vandals

A neighborhood problem? Write to City Hall



by Matthew Brady

After struggling all weekend with your 40 year-old typewriter, you finally pin the ornery muse to the mat.

On Monday you mail your letter to a San Francisco supervisor - a litany of troubles that are diminishing the quality of life in your historic neighborhood:

Water is trickling down from the hills into your backyard, turning it into a frog township. The croaking keeps your hound awake and he refuses to speak to you.

The roots of old trees are pushing up through the sidewalks so that the block resembles the ruins of Pompeii.

The three seats at the three day old MUNI bus shelter are missing.

After the corner postbox has swallowed your letter you say, "Pshawl No one will read my literary effort."

You are wrong. You have just taken part in one of the oldest

forms of the democratic process, that is, writing a letter to a public official asking for help.

Nancy G. Walker, President of the Board of Supervisors, attaches so much importance to constituents; mail that she has employed Amy Weaver as her consultant and special aide on constituent letters.

Amy's salary is not charged against the taxpayers, but is funded out of Supervisor Walker's personal treasury.

Amy has to deal daily with complaints of citizens who feel that the City is being held hostage by ghosts of the previous administration and are disgruntled that the city vaults hold dust instead of greenbacks.

This young woman somehow maintains a joyous presence and seems to take to this responsible work as if it were the most exciting in San Francisco.

Amy reports that Supervisor

Woodrow Wilson Band to perform for World Health Day

Woodrow Wilson High School Band, under the direction of Joseph Smiell, Director, will provide the music whenSan Francisco Department of Public Health will join the rest of the nation and 164 other countries around the world in celebrating World Health Day, April 7, 1988

David Werdegar, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Dept. of Public Health will kick off the day in an Opening Ceremony by cutting the ribbon and starting the "FUN RUN FOR HEALTH" for public around Civic Center. The ceremony will take place at noon at the main entrance of the Department of Public Health, 101 Grove Street. There will be a Mini Health Fair inside the building to inform public about the various health programs and clinics are held within the Health Department. If you want to know more about these ongoing programs and clinics, call the following numbers nearest to you.

The public are encouraged to participate in the festivities.

District Health Centers:

One - 3850 - 17th Street 558-3905

Two - 1301 - Pierce Street 558-3256

Three - 1525 - Silver Avenue 468-3664

Four - 1490 - Mason Street 558-3158

Five - 1351 - 24th Avenue 661-4400

Elder Care 558-5104 Child Health Unit 558-2403 Mental Health 558-4387

United Nation Agency for Health. The World Health day was originated by the World Health Organization's (WHO), the United Nation Agency for Health. The World Health Oraganization's goal is Health for all by year 2000. The World Health Day Theme for this year is "Health For All: All For Health"

Walker receives the most mail on Mondays and a lot more in the summer months than during the winter season.

After the postman puts the mail on her desk, then what? Amy sorts the letters into several basic categories.

First are the problems that demand immediate attention and are easy to dispose of. As an example, a Pacific Heights woman complained that she had to walk around an overflowing sewage pipe on her way to work, and named the corner. Amy solved the problem with eclat, by a phone call to the Chief Inspector of

Environmental Health. That afternoon a crew was on the scene and at four o'clock Amy was notified that the sewage pipe was mended.

A second category, and the largest, is what is known as opinion mail, dealing with political issues such as the porting of the Big Mo on the City Front, PG&E, a new sports stadium, a moratorium on neighborhood demolition, rent control, airport noise (one letter a day), the MUNI, the Olympics, and funding the SPCA.

Another group of letters requires action by a city

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CENTERVOICE

Who is responsible for truant kids?

by Julia

During a discussion about our youth the other night, I promised to write to you about a perceived problem and the thoughts it brought to us, with the hope that you will get involved in the discussion and the search for the solution.

During the hours when youth are supposed to be in school, there are often numbers of them hanging around in the stores on Leland. Now, they could be cutting school or they could have been suspended. Either way, they're not supposed to be where they are at that moment. Do their teachers and their principal know they are outside? Do their parents know? Are children who are being suspended sent out of school to an unsupervised situation? Do storekeepers have an obligation to kick these kids out of their stores?

This was brought up in the context of what one supposed was the storekeeper's "duty", but it raised many more questions than were answered that night.

As much as a private businesspersons have a right to control the premises where their business is conducted, it does not follow that they have an obligation to look after children who enter the business premises. So, whose problem is it? Is it ours because it disturbs us? Surely some piece of it belongs to the educators and the parents.

Most of all, however, it is the youths' problem...although they don't yet realize it. They will think of these times only fleetingly until the day they need the information they would have learned in school on those days they were

It may be too late then. Write me a letter. Tell me what you think should be done to help these youth.

They have the ultimate choice. How can we give them the information they need to choose wisely?

Letter to Food Editor, San Francisco Chronicle

I try not to mix politics and breadsticks; however, I must do so regarding your story about "The Crunch is on... breadsticks take the city by storm."

When the Chronicle investigates drugs, crime, vandalism, low levels of education or other evils of our society, it immediately looks to Visitacion Valley as a ready source of information.

When the best handrolled and machine rolled breadsticks in San Francisco are made at Cuneo Bakery in the heart of Visitacion Valley on the corner of Leland Avenue and Alpha Street, you credit their outlet in North Beach AND NEVER EVEN MENTION THEIR BAKERY FACILITY AND STORE IN OUR VALLEY.

That is patently unfair! There are many worthwhile, productive activities going on in Visitacion Valley. Please read "Neighborhood Notes" on page 3 and "Editorial" on page 4 of the enclosed March issue of the VISITACION VALLEY GRAPEVINE.

Cuneo's is a wonderful bakery, and we are grateful to have their store and many other fine stores on our main shopping street. We invite the San Francisco Chronicle to come and visit some of our community activities and learn about the positive flip side of this old long playing record.

Pat Christensen Managing Editor

THANKS CHANNEL 4

Dear Editor:

I was so excited to see the GRAPEVINE on camera the other night on KRON TV. Channel 4.

It was great of Karl Sonkin, the Channel 4 reporter, to come to Visitacion Valley to interview our businesspeople about the problems they are having with crime and unruly young people. I enjoyed seeing Fawzi Kaddoura .Jack Creighton, Mike Sweetow and the people at Cuneo's bakery.

I felt as though we here in the Valley were finally being accepted as a part of the San Francisco scene.

Pat Cannan

Artist Alert!

Visitacion Valley Community Center is having the 4th Annual Art Show May 19 - 21, 1988

We are looking for artists who would like to display their art work at our show. All mediums will be accepted: oil, acrylic, ceramics, collage, water color, sculpture, photo, art and crafts, quilts, mix media, videos, films, children's art and all others!

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Dead line for registration is April -30, 1988 Entry fee is \$5.00

Art work will be secure.

Show dates and times: Thursday May 199 - 1pm Friday May 20 9-1 and 7-10pm Saturday May 21 10-4pm (Street Fair)

Call 467-6400 for set up information and your entry blank.

STREET FAIR &





MAY 21

GRAPFVI PARADE VISITACIO N·VALLEY



Show off your talents at ValleyFair Renie Champagne will conduct a Float designing and building class at

the Visitacion Valley Community Center on Saturday, April 9, 1988 at 11:00 a.m. Renie has been in charge of many parades for the City of San Francisco, including the St. Patricks Day Parade. Making a float to enter in the Parade is easier than you might think. Why not try it this year? To find out more about it, come to the class on April 9th, or call 467-6400.

There will be a poster contest tied in with the Art Show scheduled for the Fair. Information is being sent to the local Schools, so kids... if you don't hear from your teachers about this, please ask them, or call the Center (467-6400), and tell us your school and your teacher's name, and we will remind them.

For kids of all ages, we will have a Teddy Bear contest during the Street Fair. Now's the time to get Teddy all gussied up in his or her best, and ready to show his or her "stuff."

We still need lots of volunteers to help with the festivities. Call us at 467-6400.. leave your name, phone number and tell us what sorts of things you could help with. we'll see that you are put in touch with the chairperson of that area.

STREET FAIR & PARADE

MAY 21st!



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Neighborhood Notes

by Anne Kaartunen

Last month, this column focused on the positive happenings of this neighborhood, as well as, identifying some of it's needs. This trend will be the format for this column.

A big THANK YOU goes to Schlage Lock for their recent \$200.00 donation to sponsor the 2nd panel of the forth coming Community Center Mural (10 panels proposed). If you are pleased with the "beautification of the Valley (e.g. the Library Mural) please sponsor a panel by writing a check to the VVCC Mural Project.

Watchful neighbors and park staff have helped the elementary school maintain their school garden (recently dedicated) and these same citizens are targeting unwanted graffiti. One solution to the rampant graffiti is being considered by the staff at Visitacion Valley Playground... a summer art program for teens. The signed up participants would have their own wall (under adult supervision) maintain that wall and as a group, participate in eliminating "unwanted" graffiti in their neighborhood.

Wishing: Residents have expressed their need for translucent bus shelter at bus stops located on Visitacion Ave at Hahn, Schwenn and Rutland; and on Sunnydale Ave at Rutland. Improved lighting is also needed at these boss stops.

Campbell Street residents want to make their street one way from Rutland to San Bruno Ave. (going east) to improve traffic flow and safety. The steep inclines of this street and it's narrowness creates "blind" intersections and precanous traffic flow.

Reclassification of our Leland Ave Library. Currently, we are only a reading facility and therefore

receive limited city funds. If the city would recognize our extensive use of this facility and call it a branch more funds would be allocated. we need this facility open daily and longer hours.

Waiting: for promised park lights (Cora & Leland Ave) and return of beat patrol on Leland Ave.

Wondering: Where and when is Maxicare relocating? Presently occupying the building on the corner of Leland Ave and Peabody St., this sole source of health services for our entire community, will be asked to leave. The building owner has indicated that new tenants, other than health related, will be taking over. You read the fine article about Maxicare last month and the facts speak loudly for this kind of service. How do you feel about this possible loss? Write to us about your concern or suggestions.

Parents are encouraged to get involved in their children's educational opportunities

Children who qualify for the Limited English Proficiency Program at Visitacion Valley Middle School receive additional help in reading and mathematics as a result of a Chapter I-ETA/LEP (Economic Impact Aid/Limited English Proficiency Program which works with parents as well as students to provide special tutoring in reading and mathematics for the students and to help parents learn how to be better teachers for their children.

In order to plan and implement the program, parents are invited to regular monthly meetings on the third Wednesday at either 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. in the Parent-School-Community Room at Visitacion Valley Middle School.

The remaining scheduled meetings for this semester will be held April 20, May I8 and June 15.

For further information about this important educational service, call Program Coordinator, Ms. E. Toney Williams at 239-6550.

Family Circus Carnival

Our Lady of the Visitacion -P.T.G. will sponsor their annual carnival, April 29, 30 & May 1, 1988.. It will be held in the Church Hall, 785 Sunnydale Ave. Their will be fun and prizes for the whole family. On Friday evening, April 29th, two passes to Disneyland (including parking) will be awarded as a door prize. You must be present to win. Saturday, April 30th, (11am - 10pm) there will be a dunk tank, moonwalk, and many more games for children. Sunday, May 1st, (10am - 6pm) the fun will continue and from 2pm - 6pm we will be serving our "Chicken Dinner" (reservations can be purchased through the school). Half chicken, salad, rice, roll, desert \$4.00 adult & \$3.50 over 55 years old. Under 12 \$2.50 for quarter chicken, salad, rice, roll & dessert.

Come and join in the fun, it will be an entertaining weekend. The proceeds from the carnival helps with the expenses of our school.

John Burton answers questions of community concern

Q. What measures will the candidate take to receive community input during his/her term?

J.B. I can recall back in the sixties when everyone holding elected office kept their doors closed. I thought back then how intimidating that must have been to the people who really needed help.

And although it was only a small gesture, I opened mine.

The point is that during 18 years of public service I have always seen my role as representing people. And to do that job effectively, one has to establish communication that goes in both directions.

As you representative, I will hold community meetings (as I did before), keep a totally open door policy for individual people seeking help (as I did before), and confine my work to the issues that really effect average people (as I did before).

Q. What would he/she do to improve the small business climate in economically depressed areas?

J.B. One of the worst things to happen in San Francisco was the demolition of the areas in our city that used to be the home for small manufacturing businesses. I fought against that redevelopment because I felt that it would eliminate jobs. I was right.

Today, we've got to prevent further erosion. We can do that by creating tax incentives for businesses willing to locate in those economically depressed areas. Those tax incentives will require cooperation between the city, state, and local governments.

I feel that with my experience, knowledge, and relationships I am the best qualified to get that job done.

Q. What measures will he/she take to improve public housing?

J.B. Perhaps the biggest mistake that our society has made has been in how we have built public housing. The projects that the Housing Authority operates are

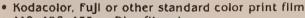
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Catholic Charities offers "Alternatives to Crime?" A success story for the youths of Bay View/Hunter's Point

As a counterpoint to recent reports of rampant drug use and vandalism by youths in the Bay View/Hunter's Point Community, would you please consider a story on teens seeking to create an alternative to life in the streets, as participants in Catholic Charities' Minority Youth Development Program.

Begun in 1985, at the request of panishes in the area, the Minority Youth Development Program has worked to build the self-esteem of teenagers through an active peer support group. Recently the program has expanded to include employment skills development, including workshops on resume writing, interview techniques, and visiting a variety of job sites.

The Junior League has a core

group of volunteers now working with the program, helping with the development of an annual Career Day and teen placements at job sites with "mentors" who will devote time to helping them explore career opportunities.

Anywhere from 15 - 25 youths, mostly black, ages 12 - 21, participate in the group under the guidance of Tony Robert, a staff member of Catholic Charities. The group meets two evenings each month at All Hallows Church.

Teens run the group, chairing meetings, setting agendas, establishing the values code, planning activities, and fundraising for charitable organizations

The uniqueness of this particular peer support group is that it is rooted in the fabric of the community. The parishes

requested its development, its director lives in the community and knows many of the teens and their families as neighbors, and unlike many such groups run in the schools, this one has a majority of boys participating.

Many teens in the program come from single-parent families. In addition to supporting these youths, Tony Robert also serves as a referral resource for their parents.

Editor's Note: Could Visitacion Valley benefit from a similar program? Write the GRAPEVINE if you are interested in developing such a program.

Reading - a success story at

Visitacion Valley Elementary Schools' read at home project has been underway for almost two months now.

The first set of reading projects have been turned in and twenty students received awards. This has created a great deal of enthusiasm among the students and we're expecting to have more project entries next time. Reading projects are due on Friday, April 15.

Winners of Feb. "Reading For Success" awards were:

Walter Lee (16), Phyllis Hau (102), Christopher (108), Suk Man (201), Tretha (202), Stella (202), Vicki (206), Kristin, Hoi Man, Jeffrey (108), Evangeline, Mark, Harris, Danisha (208), Ulysses, Bernadette, Annah, Rolando, Conrado, Vernon, Chris V. (207).

Share = self help and resource exchange

Share is a community-based program which provides a monthly supplemental food package to those willing to help themselves and others. A not-for-profit corporation, World Share recognizes that spiritual and physical hunger exist needlessly and that people are their own best resource.

Founded in San Diego, CA in 1983, Share now has expanded nationwide, and internationally. There are three divisions in World Share: Share USA; Share Mexico; and Share Guatemala. Each functions to provide better nutrition using local resources and community strengths unique in each location. All divisions utilize the concept of self-help and resource exchange toward the resolution of hunger.

Share-USA is the network of independently incorporated food assistance programs in twelve locations around the country. Central purchasing offers volume buying discounts that benefit each Share participant. By networking, Share programs across the country are maximizing their strengths and pooling their resources.

The specific contents of the food package vary each month. Meat, fruit, vegetables and staples such as beans, rice or pasta are always included. Frequently prepared foods, canned foods or dessert items are included too. Each package weighs about 40 pounds and has a retail value of approximately \$35.00.

Participants go to a local Host Site (churches of all faiths, civic organizations, union halls, etc.) to register for the program. The Host Site is the neighborhood center for registration, distribution of food, and coordination of community service work. Anyone can become a Share participant by registering at a local host site, and exchanging \$12.00 and two hours of community service for each food

package ordered. There are no other eligibility requirements and no limits on the number of food packages a family can order.]

Share is a program designed to fully utilize the resources (time, talent, money, goods and services) of each sector of the community to promote better nutrition.

One of the San Francisco Share host sites is Visitacion Valley Senior Citizens Transportation Center, 590 Leland Ave., San Francisco, 94134 239-6233.

Steps to starting a share host site in your area

1. Get information: Talk to the people at the host site where you have signed up. Set up an information meeting at your church, community center, union hall, daycare center, neighborhood association, community college. Come to the warehouse during bagging week or on D-Day to see how the program works.

2. Ask questions: Is there a need for Share in your neighborhood? Do you have the use of a room at least as big as a classroom for four hours one Saturday a month Are there two or three people who will help you to sign people up, organize distribution, and coordinate the volunteer time?

3. Made a decision: Decisions over the use of property sometimes have to go to a committee or a board for approval. Allow time for this process. Perhaps you will want to arrange for a presentation by Share staff to the group. Allow time for these things to happen. The person responsible for the facility (e.g. the pastor of a church) signs the Share host agreement form.

4. Training: The team that will be coordinating Share schedules a training at the warehouse during bagging week when they are ready to begin. After the training, you are ready to start signing people up.

What's Doing in the Parks

After school fun at the playgrounds

Sign-up for a new After school Activity Program designed for children, 6-12 years of age, who are without supervision during the hours after school until a parent returns home. Citywide sites will be open for registration March 28 through April 1. Parents or guardians are required to register children at the site of their choice. Cost for each 3 month period is \$10.00 per child.

Program activities include homework assistance, sports and games, craft activities, field trips and special programs.

Hours of operation for the program will be 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. or 3 - 6 p.m. depending upon children's release time from schools in the nearby area. Sites closest to Visitacion Valley are: Crocker Amazon Playground, Geneva Ave. & Moscow St., Silver Terrace Playground, Thornton Ave. & Bayshore Blvd., Hunters Point Playground, 195 Kiska Rd., and Mission Rec. Center, 745 Treat Ave. For more information, call 558-4183

Tennis anyone? (under 18 that is!)

Entry deadline for the 70th Annual Recreation and Park

Championships is Monday, April 11, 5 p.m. Signups for the single elimination tournament are being taken at all neighborhood playgrounds.

Any boy or girl 18 years of age and under, and not ranked with the Northern California Tennis Association and/or USTA is eligible to participate in one of the four age divisions: 12 years and under, 13-14 years, 15-16 years and 17-18 years.

A match will be the best two of three sets. A twelve point tie-breaker will be used when any set reaches six games all.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners up in all age division. Winners and runners up in the 15-16 years of age class will receive the special Helen Wills trophy.

For more information, contact Tournament Director Jim Jackson, 558-4054, at the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

THANK YOU!

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"A safer, happier **New Year event"**



Children, parents and SAFE staff enjoy painting an event sign together

Geneva Towers and S.F. Safe Inc. have enjoyed a long working relationship. Last July Geneva Towers residents participated in a Safe Leadership Training Program.

Since that time S.F. Safe Inc. has been working with Geneva Towers to assist in the organization of a Tenant's Association as well as with

several other Housing Projects.

Through Safe's ties with Plaza East/Western Addition; Geneva Towers and Bayview Hunter's Point Housing Projects, Safe designed, developed and coordinated "A Safer, Happier New Year" event. Children from the ages of 1 to 12 were invited to attend along with their parents. The program included a live visit from "McGruff" the Crime Dog, personal safety pointers, the McGruff Puppet presenting crime prevention

Safe provided a free gift to each child. The presents were delivered to each site by SFPD. Gifts were donated by the Manne's "Toys for Tots" program and Macy's Department Store.

Refreshments were provided at Geneva Towers by the Recreation Director and residents.

It was a progressive party and each of the three sites had the same

Six hundred people participated in the day's event.

Burton

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simply too big. Their size exaggerates the problems that the people living there are forced to deal with.

I believe that we must begin an aggressive rebuilding program and that this program should consist of smaller, scattered projects. This will allow public housing tenants the opportunity to live in every neighborhood in our city, will reduce the need for school busing, and will broaden horizons for youngsters.

Q. What will he/she do to improve education for underachieving children and motivate parents to encourage education?

J.B. During the last several years, Governor Deukmejian has attacked the special programs that the Legislature has funded for children with special needs. Many of those programs have been cut back or eliminated.

One of my highest priorities in the Assembly is going to be programs for young people, to keep them in school, away from drugs, and giving them the opportunities to succeed.

Parents can be encouraged to do more for public education if we work to eliminate the 2/3 vote required to pass school improvement bonds. This requirement discourages people from trying to succeed.

Grapevine Ads Pay Off!

Call 467-6440 today for information

California ceramic artists announce sale

The Association of California Ceramic Artists will present their annual spring exhibition and sale at the Golden Gate Park Exhibition Hall, San Francisco, 10:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday June 12. Over eighty artists from throughout the state will participate in the event, which this year will include a special exhibition of garden sculpture in the Hall's courtyard.

Ceramics, pottery, porcelain and glassware from the functional to the whimsical will be on display. The artists, who draw their inspiration from sources both modern and traditional, will be on hand to discuss with the public the various techniques (raku, pit firing, stoneware and earthenware) used in the creation of their works. This rare opportunity to "meet the makers" in an intimate setting is one of the things which has made the ACCA shows such a popular success over the years.

Klezmer music revival at Roxie

A Jumpin' Night In The Garden Of Eden plays the Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th Street, April 7 through 11. The popular California group, The Klezmorim will perform at the April 7 and 8 shows at the Roxie.

A Jumpin' Night In The Garden Of Eden, directed by Michal Goldman, documents the history and current revival of Klezmer music brought to the New World from the Jewish communities of Eastern Europe. With Yiddish culture destroyed by World War II, Klezmer music was virtually extinct until a mid-1970s revival that continues today with two groups featured in the film, Kapelye and the Klezmer Conservatory Band. Their re-inventing the past is seen through rehearsals, master classes, Yiddish lessons, Klezmer camp, weddings and a live radio broadcast on a Prairie Home Companion.

For information please call the Roxie Cinema at 863-1087

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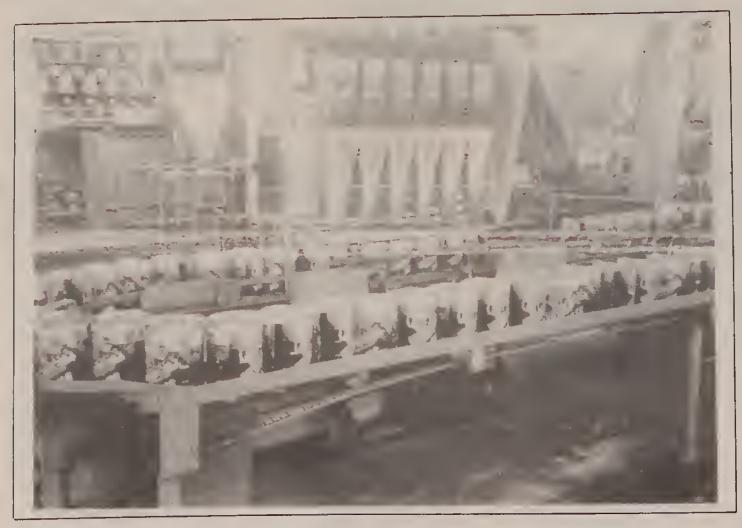
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Girard Street resident, Alfredo Beltran 's forklift hefts 5,000 lb. loeds



Carl Surrell shown unloading rew beans in storage bins

If you have ever wondered about that delicious aroma of roasting coffee wafting through Visitacion Valley, the GRAPEVINE has tracked down the source.

Behind the fencing and past Nationwide Papers office on Schwerin is a full blown coffee roasting plant.

S&W Fine Foods used to have its home office in the building on Schwerin Street, but they moved in the mid-70s to San Ramon. However, their coffee roasting plant remains in VisValley and produces about one-half million pounds of roasted coffee per month.

Five labels of S&W coffee are produced here: S&W Premium, S&W Columbian, S&W Columbian Decaf, S&W Kona and El Classico Espresso.

Coffee beans are shipped into this plant from many of the 43 coffee producing countries around the world.

The beans come into the plant in gunny sacks which are slit open and the beans are dumped into storage bins. Various beans, according to the S&W recipe, are blended, cleaned and roasted.

The roasting process takes FROM 10 to 13 minutes in a 50 foot long roasting drum which has a timer set to deliver the desired results. After roasting, the beans are ground, packed into vacuum cans which are sealed into carton ready for distribution.

It is interesting to note that it is apparently a coincidence that S&W has a plant and formerly had its home office in Visitacion Valley while the Sussman and Wormser families (founders of the company) were major contributors to the Community Center at 50 Raymond Avenue.

At the time of the Sussman and Wormser donations to the Community Center, the S&W offices where close to the present site of India Basin, and by the time S&W moved their offices to Visitacion Valley, it was owned by the DiGiorgio Corporation and the two families were no longer involved.



Coffee packer, Fred Griffin, keeps S&W products moving



George Dunning loeds cases of S&W Premium coffee for shipment





Slippery, slimy Banana Slugs celebrate opening of elementary school garden

As you might expect, banana slugs would celebrate any new horticultural effort as a bountiful feast, but the Banana Slug Band which celebrated the opening of the new Visitacion Valley Elementary School Garden were not there for lunch - but were there to sing funny songs about compost piles and dirt.

The celebration assembly was full of lighthearted fun. Children read original poems in English and Spanish about trees and plants. The Banana Slug Band complete with an undulating six foot Slug taught the audience the Banana

Slug handshake

and performed such musical favorites as, "Dirt Made My Lunch" and "De Com Position."

Then the entire assembly moved to the school garden where Mrs. Kaartunen and several children "tickled" the roots of a semi-dwarf navel orange tree to

stimulate it before planting it cermonially in a large wooden planter to officially dedicate the garden.

The garden is open to any child, of any age, who wishes to help the garden grow

Congresswoman listens to community concerns

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi met with Vis Valley residents at the Senior Escort Service on March 12 and listened to the concerns of a vocal citizenry.

Roxie McCormick spoke about the frightening and frustrating problems existing in Sunnydale. She said, "Our people are crying out for help. We need it badly. We have asked for parking stickers and they closed the parking lots.

The Housing Authority Commissioners never never come out here. The dopers are like flies on honey. We have lots of vacancies - and those vacant units are used by drug dealers. Why aren't they rented?"

Commissioner Kirk Miller responded to the charges by laying much of the responsibility on the tenants themselves. "There is a shared responsibility for some issues. Tenants need to organize, develop a sense of community.

We are losing seven units per month because there are no funds to rehabilitate those units for rental."

Pelosi added, "Any community concerns expressed in numbers cannot be ignored. There is no stronger force than a community



Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi greets friends, Lucy White and Queen Esther Pitre

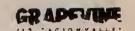
working together. Unfortunately, at this time we do not have a national housing policy.

"My office is case work driven." Pelosi introduced her staff and invited anyone who has concerns

to call her office and state them. "I need your help to establish my priorities," Pelosi added, "You know solutions for delivery of service. When we plan our national budget, we set forth our values - health care, jobs,

education, defense. We rely on you to let us know how you feel.

"This election in November is a crucial choice - we either get more of the same or we establish a new set of values. It's up to you to let us know what you want."





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Former San Francisco Mayor, George Christopher and his wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schindel at the Florence Friedman Memorial Fund Dinner in March



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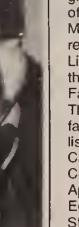
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Proud Grandparents

Four more proud grandparents would be hard to find than Robert & Valeria (Zucca) Werdeman (long time Valley residents now living in San Bruno), and John & Doris Cahalan who are parishioners at O.L.V. and members of the Community Center.

Tina Cahalan, their 12 year old granddaughter, and the daughter of William & Joyce Cahalan of Millbrae is a real star! She has recently entered the California Little Miss Pageant, to be held at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds April 9 & 10, 1988. This is not her first brush with fame, however. Her impressive list of credits so far include: California State Talent Competition, 1st place, Solo vocal, April 1987. California Music Educators Junior Honor Choir. Student Body Vice President, Taylor Middle School, Millbrae. Straight "A" student. Voted "Best All-Around Female Student" Taylor Middle School, Millbrae. Youngest cast member of Broadway Play: "42nd Street", Peninsula Civic Light Opera, May

You ask if this young lady has any plans for the future? Does she ever! After attending Mills High School, Miss Cahalan plans to enter Stanford University, where she will study law. We forsee a very bright future for this lass. Congratulations to all Grandparents concerned.

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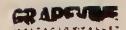
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Internal Revenue Service Adopts Woodrow Wilson High School



Mrs. Oundy and Hoover Liddell of SFUSD welcome IRS to Wilson High

At a March 21 ceremony and reception, Principal, Mrs. Elvira Dundy thanked the Internal Revenue Service for their assistance to Wilson High School students beginning last summer.

"The IRS hired fiften students for the summer and retained two during the school year, said Mrs. Dundy, "We are very proud and happy that you have chosen to continue this partnership."

Presenting the IRS was Regional Commissioner Thomas P. Coleman, who stated, "The goal of the IRS is to demonstrate is commitment and responsibility to our schools as a corporate member of the community. We hope to motivate students to understand their responsibility as taxpayers and to stimulate their interest in career opportunities in the federal government in general and the IRS in particular.

Activities the IRS has planned for its second year with Wilson High School include a career day, workshops on how to find a job and how to fill out a tax return.

Speakers at the event were Mr. Hoover Liddell, Supervisor of High Schools, SFUSD, Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Dundy and Ms. Karla Quintanilla, Wilson High's Student Body President. Soloists Gia Wong entertained with a trombone concerto accompanied by Ms. Gilda Pascual. Refreshments were prepared

and served by the Food Preparation classes and students from the Child Development class created the flower arrangements.

This partnership is one of 25 school-business partnerships sponsored by the San Francisco School Volunteers Adopt-A-School Program.



Karla Ouintanilla, President, speaks for student body

SOCIAL SECURITY **QUESTION BOX**

(Watch each month in the GRAPEVINE for information on your Social Security benefits.)

Q. I'm concerned about the status of the Social Security program. A large amount of Social Security taxes is withheld from my salary. Is there going to be enough money in the trust fund to pay my Social Security retirement benefits when I reach 62 in 2003?

A. Yes, the 1987 annual report released by the Social Security Trustees states that the Social Security cash benefits program is sufficiently financed to pay

benefits on time well into the next century.

Q. Is it true that the Social Security trust funds now have reserve?

A. There was about \$70 billion in reserves in the Social Security retirement, survivors and disability trust funds at the end of 1987. For a system that has historically operated on a current cost, or pay-as-you-go basis, that is a substantial amount of money. The reserves at the beginning of 1988 represent about 5 months of outgo in that year.

New captain announced for Potrero Station

San Francisco Police Chief Frank Jordan recently announced some changes in his top command which affect Visitacion Valley.

Captain Frank Reed, acting captain of Potrero Station will be promoted to deputy chief in charge of the nine district stations.

The new captain of Potrero Station will be John Gleeson, now a lieutenant in the Tactical Division.

Deputy Chief Jack Jordan who was in charge of all field operations will retain jurisdiction over narcotics enforcement, housing, municipal transit, traffic and tactical units.



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Public schools week celebration April 4 - 8 1988

"Public Schools - Cornerstone of Tradition in Changing Times" is the theme for the 68th annual Public Schools Week celebration to be held April 4 - 8, 1988. the public is invited and encouraged to participate. Schools are open to visitors all week.

A Songfest at City Hall Rotunda on April 4 from 12 noon to 1:00pm will feature public school choral and instrumental groups in a special presentation of musical selections. A proclamation from Mayor Agnos will declare April 4 - 8, 1988 to be Public School Week and reaffirm the city's support for public education.

A festive week of special

school programs will take place at public schools throughout the city including classroom visits, computer and science demonstrations, student displays and exhibits, student performances and festivals.

Evening activities and open houses are scheduled as follows: Elementary Schools - Tuesday, April 5: Middle Schools -Wednesday, April 6: High Schools - Thursday, April 7.

Initiated in 1920 by the California Masonic Lodge, Public Schools Week is designed to acquaint the community with public schools each year during on week in April.

Speaking of Health

By Jacqueline Wasserman, RN,FNP

California Adult Immunization Campaign 1988

Everyone knows that children need to be immunized, especially before they can be enrolled in school. Adults however, are often overlooked. They too need certain shots to protect them against infections.

Tetanus/Diphtheria ("TD") Adults should have a "TD" every
ten years. Tetanus or lockjaw can
be caused by a dirty puncture
wound or a scratch from a rose
thorn. 97% of tetanus cases are
adults and less than half survive
the illness.

Measles, Rubella, Mumps -When adults contract the above viruses, they can become seriously ill. Rubella in women can cause a miscarriage or birth defects. Measles can cause encephalitis. Mumps can result in adults, in deafness or painful testicular inflammation in men. If you were born before 1956 and have not had these immunizations, you should.

Influenza - All adults age 60 and over should have a flu vaccine each fall. Any adults with chronic heart or lung problems (including asthma), diabetes, kidney failure, anemia or immune system problems should also have a flu shot.

Polio - Adults in the U.S., under most circumstances, do not need polio immunization.

Pneumonia - Adults age 65 and older should have a pneumovax. It is only given once. Any adults with chronic heart and lung conditions, no spleen, Hodgkin's Disease, multiple myeloma,

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CREATED BY ANNE KAARTUNEN

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April 14th at 6:00p.m. the Visitacion Valley Merchants Association meets at the Community Center.

April 20th at 7:00p.m. Little Hollywood Improvement Assoc meets at the Korean Presbyterian Church 120 Lathrop Ave.

April 22nd at 7:30p.m. Improvement Association meets at V.V.C.C.

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Police keep tight lid on fires at two schools

by Gerry L. Galvan

Three separate fires of suspicious origin, striking two San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) schools within a short span of three weeks, have been listed as probable arson cases perpetrated by young adults addicted to dangerous drugs.

All three cases, now under exhaustive yet snail paced investigation by the San Francisco Police Department, broke out exactly one week after one another. While school authorities and police were not releasing names pending conclusion of the investigation, a highly placed El Dorado elementary School source has hinted on the age bracket of the suspects.

GRAPEVINE has gathered from this reliable source that the suspects were over 20 years of age and not in any way connected with El Dorado Elementary School where the March 6 fired caused a \$1500 damage to a classroom, nor with Woodrow Wilson High School where a \$250,000 fire on Feb. 21 and another \$1500 fire on Feb. 28 broke out.

The same source recalled a meeting of her school staff with representatives of the McLaren Heights Neighborhood Association not long ago which was disrupted by threats from neighborhood thugs to explode a bomb at the conference room. No police action was taken against those who threw the threat but the minutes of the meeting document this action.

A pattern was established on all three fires, but San Francisco Police inspectors have been reluctant to talk beyond saying that findings in their investigation could be released before the end of March. Inspector Douglas Ramsey of SFPD arson section who conducted the Feb. 28 fire at Woodrow Wilson High School said that findings in both his investigation and that of the Feb. 21 fire at Wilson by inspector John Ford have yet to be cleared for public consumption. Ramsey added that no investigator has been assigned to look into the March 6, 1988 fire at El Dorado Elementary School.

All three fires have caused temporary teacher and student dislocation at both Wilson High and El Dorado Elementary Schools as affected areas have to be sealed off for the investigators and the projected repairs.

All three fires had at least three features in common. Each occurred on a Sunday. The perpetrators passed through a window which was forced open by smashing the glass and dismantling the frame. the intruders set the fire at midnight.

Woodrow Wilson high School principal Elvira Dundy told GRAPEVINE that the \$250,000 damage to her school's math and laboratory sections was heavy. She said that she and her staff have worked hard seeking supplies to replace what was lost in the fire. "Much needed now after the fire are teachers' drawing pencils, construction pipes, textbooks, and the like."

It appears that the \$1500 damage to Wilson's south wing will be easier to repair, but Mrs. Dundy says that it "still has posed a problem to us."

Forced entry and setting fires is malicious mischief, "says Mae Threadgill principal of El Dorado." Ditto masters were lost. Books belonging to El Dorado were stashed in Safeway store shopping bags which apparently were dropped by the intruders on the way out of the school." The name of a woman whose identity is known to Mrs. Threadgill was written on one of the bags.

Found in the scene of "mischief" were wrapping papers for manijuana.

"The problem of marijuana in the neighborhood is very serious," a source who requested anonymity told GRAPEVINE. Said source pointed to an establishment at a street corner not far from El; Dorado School, as a probable hot spot.

There's a silver lining to what happened at El Dorado School and Wilson High, through. Here are the reasons why:

At Wilson, it appears that during the series of setbacks and crises, the administrators, classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, together with the clerical staff, on the one hand, and the students and their parents on the other hand, have come closer together. "The basic feeling now is very much positive," Mrs. Dundy told GRAPEVINE during a telephone interview on the two fires at Wilson.

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How Do Your Gardens Grow?

By Hyoka Bells

Spring Is Here!!!

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Well, we made it through another winter. But now is the time to plant, plant, plant! You say you don't have anywhere to plant a garden or you can not put another plant in your own garden. There is an answer, A community Garden. And the valley has a few with garden space for you. Call me at 467-6400 and we will have you planting in the nick of time.

I would like to encourage you to let me know what you would like to see in my columns. Suggestions are always welcome. I try to answer all the questions that come my way. This month no one has any problems. Gee, all must be good in the gardens. So until next month, Happy gardening and good eating. Hyoka

PLANT DIRECTLY: Vegs: beans, beets, broccoli, carrots,

chard, cabbage, celery, corn, dill, leeks, lettuce, peanuts, radishes, spinach, soybeans, sunflowers, turnips.

Flowers: aster, borage, cosmos, morning glory, nasturtiums, zinnias, nangolds, double larkspur, stocks, chrysanthemum, verbvena.

TRANSPLANT: Veges: broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, leeks, lettuce, New Zeland spinach, okra, onions, parsnips, rutabagas, scallions, tomatoes.

Flowers: asters, calenndula, herbs, marigolds, zinnias.

START IN FLATS Veges: basil, brussels sprouts, chard, cucumbers, lettuce, melons, New Zealand spinach, okra, parsnips, peppers, pumpkins, rutabagas, squash, tomatoes,

Flowers: asters, marigolds, petunias, summer savory, zinnias.

CUTTINGS: propagate fuschias, geraniums, marguerites and other softwood by cuttings.

PEST: controls are a must in early spring, set those traps (for gophers, snails, earwigs) and keep a good eye out for aphids, cabbage lopper, and birds.

TRIM: spring flowing shrubs after blooming

SOW: grass seeds for lawns BULBS: dahlia tubers may be planted and also gladiolas bulbs. FERTILIZE: lawns, and

flowering plants coming into bloom. CUTTINGS: chrysanthemums,

: Vegs: CUTTINGS: chrysanthem ; carrots, carnations, pentstemons.

City Hall

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department, and the correspondent is not sure which one - or hasn't discovered the list of City Hall offices in the front of the white pages. These letters are the most difficult to start the action on, and take up most of the time of Supervisor Walker's four staff members.

A correspondent might have contacted the Bureau of Building Inspection a couple of month ago and doesn't understand that the bureaucratic process can take some time getting steam up.

When there is no visible movement the taxpayer wants answers. So he or she turns to the highest court in City Hall, the Board of supervisors, with the hope that one of the eleven can nudge along the political process. But Amy cautions that it still might take another two months. It's helpful to enclose copies of all previous correspondence.

The last batch of letters are the impossibles: traffic and parking problems. These won't decamp right soon. A family wants to stick a traffic sign up on the corner of their street. The Traffic Department has suffered big cuts in staff and traffic complaints require on-site inspection and the polling of everyone who would be

affected by the new street furniture. Eventually it would have to be voted on by the full Board of Supervisors.

All citizens who write to Supervisor Walker about a specific problem receive an answer to their missives explaining the disposition of their problems. However, the many who write expressing a political opinion will receive their answers through a form letter mailed after the political issue has been resolved, which might be a year later.

Supervisor Walker suggests that you not send the same request to everyone in City Hall at the same time, because when the staffs of several departments find that they are all working on the same citizen's complaint they lose interest.

A thoughtful letter could even generate a new ordinance.
Recently a local wrote to
Supervisor Walker: "I think it would be a good idea for San Francisco to ban all products made from chlorofluorocarbons." Amy forwarded the letter to the Department of Public Health and the Department of Environmental Health (which looks into toxic dangers). As a result, our streets may soon be free of styrofoam packages.













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